

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF MARRIAGE  
AND FAMILY THERAPY**

In the Matter of the  
License of Barbara L. Steiner, L.M.F.T.  
Date of Birth: 11/18/45  
License Number: 0454

**STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

WHEREAS, on or about February 3, 2004, the Complaint Panel of the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy ("Board") instituted the above-captioned matter by serving upon Barbara L. Steiner, L.F.M.T. ("Respondent") a document entitled, "Notice of Conference With Complaint Panel" ("Notice"); and

WHEREAS, the conference was scheduled to be held on March 11, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 9, 2004, Respondent contacted the Board and inquired about the possibility of surrendering her license to practice marriage and family therapy in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has been advised by Board representatives that she may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Respondent has chosen to not be represented in this matter. The Complaint Panel was represented by Nathan W. Hart, Assistant Attorney General, 1400 NCL Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, (651) 296-7575; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve this by entering into this stipulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Respondent and the Board as follows:

A. During all times material herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which she holds a license to practice marriage and family therapy in Minnesota.

B. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this stipulation, it shall be deemed withdrawn and of no evidentiary value and shall not be introduced or relied on by either party; except that Respondent agrees that, should the Board reject this stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of the stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

C. Respondent expressly waives formal hearing on all facts and legal conclusions referenced herein and any and all procedures before the Board relative to said facts and conclusions to which she might otherwise be entitled by law.

D. In the interest of settling this matter and avoiding the necessity for further proceedings, the Board may consider the following facts as true for the purpose of this stipulation. Respondent denies the truth of the allegations, but willingly enters into this Stipulation and Order. It is the intent of the parties that this stipulation and the facts set forth herein shall have no collateral estoppel effect, res judicata effect or other preclusive effect, and no evidentiary value in any action or proceeding in any forum or process other than proceedings before the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy or another authorized licensing board or licensing agency. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit or affect the Board's obligation to fulfill any reporting requirements.

1. The Board has credible evidence to support findings that Respondent engaged in violations of Minn. Stat. §148.37, subd. 1(3) and the Marriage and Family Therapy Code of Ethics, Minn.R. 5300.0350.

2. The Board views Respondent's practices as inappropriate in such a way as to require Board action under Minnesota Statutes §§ 148B.32 and 148B.37 and Minnesota Rules 5300.0100 and 5300.0350.

3. Respondent has communicated to the Board that she wishes to surrender her license to practice marriage and family therapy in the State of Minnesota.

E. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that upon this stipulation the Board may forthwith adopt and implement the following Order:

a. Licensee shall permanently **surrender** her license to practice marriage and family therapy in Minnesota. Within ten (10) days from the date this Stipulation and Order is adopted by the Board, Licensee shall submit all state licenses and certificates to the Board.

b. Licensee shall not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold out as authorized to practice marriage and family therapy in Minnesota or any other jurisdiction, and shall not use a title or any designation which indicates marriage and family therapy licensure.

c. Upon Licensee's surrender of her license to practice marriage and family therapy in Minnesota, the Board agrees to close its files in this matter.

d. Licensee agrees not to reapply for licensure in Minnesota or any other jurisdiction now or at any time in the future. Should Licensee violate this provision, the Board may reopen its investigation.

F. IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that this stipulation shall not in any way limit or affect the authority of the Board to initiate administrative contested case proceedings against Respondent on the basis of any act, conduct or omission of Respondent occurring after the date of this stipulation which is not related to the facts, circumstances or


requirements referenced hereinabove, nor does this stipulation in any way limit or affect the Board's authority to seek injunctive relief or criminal sanctions against Respondent for any violation of Minn. Stat. § 148B.32 occurring after the effective date of the Order herein.

G. This is a public document. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from providing copies upon request. The Board may also publish and share the document pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 148B.13 and 148B.04 including any data banks that require the reporting of disciplinary actions taken.

H. Respondent was advised to seek the advice of legal counsel prior to executing this stipulation. This stipulation was read in its entirety by Respondent prior to its execution. She understands all of its provisions; and she affirms that it was entered into freely and voluntarily by him.

I. This stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this stipulation.

J. Respondent hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all claims against the Board, the Minnesota Attorney General, the State of Minnesota and their agents, employees and representatives relative to the action taken or authorized against Respondent's marriage and family therapy license under this stipulation.

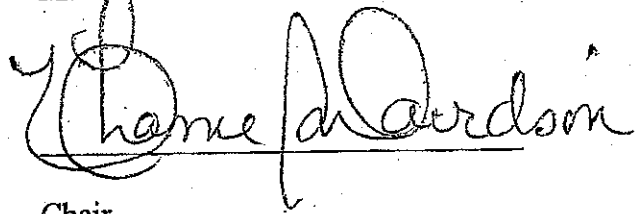
  
Barbara L. Steiner, L.F.M.T.  
Respondent

*as indicated in paragraph D  
of pgs on I deny allegations - but  
will sign stipulation to avoid further  
litigation*  
**ORDER**

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all of the files, records and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 16 day of April, 2004.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chame Hardson", written over a horizontal line.

Chair

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